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- 11. (C) Ewa Kinast, Deputy Director of the MFA's Americas Department, appreciated reftel clarification of the U.S.-Colombia Defense Cooperation Agreement, but otherwise had no comment.
- 12. (C) In general, Kinast said Warsaw was impressed with the "evident" progress that Colombia had made under President Uribe. The country is significantly more stable, which should attract more interest among prospective Polish investors. Kinast said Poland would like to increase trade between the two countries, as well as with other countries in Latin America, but the security situation until recently had deterred Poles. She added that Poland had previously extended an invitation to Uribe to visit Warsaw, which she hoped could be arranged within the next month or so. The main purpose of such a visit would be promotion of bilateral trade and investment opportunities.